

**CITY OF ROOSEVELT PARK
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

August 3, 2009

A Work Session of City Council was held on August 3, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 900 Oak Ridge Rd.

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Lenartowicz, Mayor Pro Tem Rod Buikema, Council Members Laura Fitzpatrick, Eric Grimm, Al Lowe, David Martin and Judy Van Westen

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Manager Dave Boehm, Police Chief Bill Regan and Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen

SEWER BACK-UP CLAIMS, INSURANCE AND APPLICABLE LAW

Mr. Matt Farrar reviewed the liability insurance costs the City had incurred from 2001 to the present. Paid-out claims have significantly dropped in recent years.

Mr. Farrar stated the City does its due diligence by checking sewers on a weekly basis.

Council Member Grimm stated there are criteria in statute that are followed by the courts regarding these type of claims. He stated if we settle the claim and pay it that would encourage others to come forward with similar problems asking they also be compensated. City Attorney Stapleton stated there have been no sewer back-up claims filed against the City to his knowledge.

City Attorney Stapleton asked the homeowner Mr. David Komosinski of 964 W. Summit if there is a check valve installed on his connection. He stated there was not. City Attorney Stapleton asked Mr. Farrar if this is something that can be installed. Mr. Farrar stated this could be done at a relatively minor cost.

City Manager Boehm stated the line could be televised to show if there is anything blocking the line. City Attorney Stapleton stated the televised video could be submitted to the homeowners insurance. He stated the City can not by law just pay for damages.

Council requested the City Manager to contact Pollution Control Services, Inc. to televise the sewer line.

SMOKING ORDINANCES AND RECENT LITIGATION

Council Member Fitzpatrick stated the County Board of Commissioners were planning to take action on an ordinance regulating smoking in public places, on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tammera K. Harmsen, Treasurer/Clerk